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Fulton Fish Market Notes.

Trade was only fair last week, with fair supply of groundfish, which sold at fairly low prices. On Tuesday the supply of stock was not heavy because of the storm of the preceding day, and on several days Eastern fish was late in arriving in the market.

Some frozen fish was disposed of, but not any great quantity. The unsettled weather since the holidays has interfered with the demand.

Steak pollock opened up at 3c on Saturday, and by Monday there was an advance of a cent a pound, which price continued until Wednesday when dealers asked 4 to 5c. The last two days of the weeks prices were 5 to

On Thursday and Friday haddock was quoted at 4 to 5c. On other days it sold as low as 2 1-2c and as high as

The market was practically bare of green halibut. Some fish carried over from the preceding week brought 18c a lb. On other days frozen stock had to be brought out to meet the needs of the trade.

Market cod during the first half of the week brought 1 1-2 to 2 1-2c, while in the latter half the price was 2 1-2 to 3c.

Steak cod was quoted at 4 to 6c on Saturday and Monday, 5 to 7c on Tuesday and Wednesday, 6 to 8c on Thursday, and 6 to 10c on Friday.—Fishing Gazette.

Would Change Fish Tariff.

The conference of Seattle transportation men and fish dealers, which voted recently to send a committee to Washington, D. C., to urge a change in the tariff on fish, plan to have the committee to be selected visit the capital early in February, when the annual convention of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States will be held. Besides the committee to be sent, the railroad and steamship companies and fish dealers will be asked to send delegations to the convention.

Big Deal in Codfish.

J. A. Farquhar & Co., recently put through one of the largest deals in fish in one day that has been made in Halifax. This firm sold in a day over 1,000,000 pounds of cod in bulk, from Newfoundland. Of this amount 300,000 pounds will go to Cork, Ireland, by the term schooner Beryl L. Corkum, from Halifax. The remaining amount, about 300,000 pounds, was sold to Robin Jones & Whitman.

"Rather Significant."

The opening of the old T wharf as a wholesale fish market is rather significant if one reads between the lines of the announcement, says the Fishing Gazette editorially. There is evidently some strong backing aside from the amount credited to the new company, the pioneers in the undertaking.

Arrivals at Sandy Point, N. S.

The following American fishing vessels were at Sandy Point, N. S., for shelter Wednesday:

Sylvania, Francis J. O'Hara, Esperanto, Somerville, Conqueror, Imperator, Georgianna, Bay State, Natalie Hammond.

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PORT OF GLOUCESTER.

Arrivals.

No arrivals today.

Porto Rico Fish Market.

San Juan, Porto Rico, January 12.—Since our last report of the 5th inst., the only arrivals of fishstuffs at the various ports were the following parcels, ex str. Carolina from New York, viz.:

At San Juan—55 tcs cod, 10 bbls. mackerel 1463 bxs. bloaters, 20 bxs. salmon.

At Ponce—25 bbls. pickled fish. At Mayaguez—291 bxs bloaters.

Fish values, so far as codfish is concerned, have improved earlier than we expected. All inferior parcels have disappeared and our local markets stand in a favorable position to receive new supplies. We quote \$28.50 per cask of 448 lbs., with a tendency to a greater advance.

As to pollock and haddock prices remain very low in view of the deteriorated condition of the stocks on hand. We quote sound article at \$20 per drum of 448 lbs. on usual basis "net ex wharf."—S. Ramirez & Co.

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BIG STOCK FOR SCH. BAY STATE

Sch. Bay State, Capt. Archie McLeod, stocked in the vicinity of \$3300 on her haddocking trip, the crew sharing \$70.25 clear. This is the largest single haddocking stock of the winter as well as the largest since the craft was launched.

PORT OF GLOUCESTER.

Arrivals.

U. S. Revenue Cutter Gresham, cruising.

Tug Charles W. Parker, Jr., Boston.

Going Halibuting.

Sch. Rhodora, Capt. Gus Peterson, is fitting for halibuting.

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LOBSTER GROWS VERY SLOWLY

According to the report of the Commissioner of Fisheries, Game and Forests of the State of New York, lobsters grow very slowly, and when eating lobsters we are consuming the production of several years of development. From two inches to three inches is the maximum growth of the first year. In two years this has increased to five inches or seven inches if food is plentiful. At the end of five years the lobster may be ten inches long. It is also fairly certain that the female lobster only lays eggs once in two years, because it moults in the alternate years, and has no spare energy left for reproduction. In lobster-catching circles there is considerable doubt as to the age to which the creatures may possibly live. There seems no particular reason why a lobster should ever die of old age, though it often finds it difficult to escape its enemy, the large cuttlefish, which crushes and eats it wherever it may be, even in its own hole in the rocks. But there is no doubt that they do die of old age, because they have been found in articulo mortis apparently for no other reason. It is well known that sea animals often come to the shore when ill or dying. Not long ago a very large and very old lobster was found in a shallow pool off the Lincolnshire coast, evidently dying of general decay. It was covered with sea shells and parasites, and was blind and very feeble. The Isle of Wight fishermen say that when mature a lobster's age may be guessed from its weight. Each half-pound represents a year. Perhaps the largest Isle of Wight lobster was one of eight pounds, caught under the steps of the Needles lighthouse. This would represent an age of 16 years. The largest lobster yet recorded as taken in the United States weighed 33 pounds.—"The Spectator."

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That strong opposition will be evident at the Maine Legislature when the measure to change the present Maine lobster law is introduced is evident from the talk being circulated along the Maine coast. Several of the largest dealers and many fishermen favor changing the Maine law to law similar to those of Massachusetts and New Hampshire or to have a uniform law in order that lobsters taken from Maine waters will be legal in this state as well as foreign states.

Commissioner of Sea and Shore Fisheries Henry D. S. Woodbury is in favor of retaining the present law. He said:

"The next lobster question before our Legislative body at Augusta will be this: Shall we shorten the length of our Maine lobster or shall we shorten their lives? And this is a very grave and important question. My own judgment brought about through 50 years of experience is this; to shorten the length of our Maine lobster simply means to shorten their lives. To let the length of our lobster remain as it now is declared by state law to be means to lengthen his life. Which

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BEAM TRAWLING REPORT IS MAIN TOPIC OF TALK

General Disposition of Interested Ones to Defer Judgment Until Full Text of Document is Learned—Board of Trade and Master Mariners Association Lively Centers of Discussion Last Evening—Cong. Gardner Will Present Bill Embodying Ideas of Fisheries Bureau.

Nothing since the proposed reciprocity pact with Canada a few years ago has so disturbed the local fisheries and the fishing interest in general as the Bureau of Fisheries' report on its investigation of beam trawling and the recommendations therein contained, regarding the limitation of operations of the beam trawling fleet.

The general disposition of the conservative ones and those in close touch with the situation is to suspend judgment until the report in full has been received. Not until the document has been carefully studied and its contents thoroughly familiarized is there likely to be any movement on the part of the vessel owners and skippers.

At the Master Mariners' rooms and at the Board of Trade last evening, the brief public extract from the report was discussed. To the skippers and fishermen who have spent thousands of dollars in their campaign to prohibit beam trawling, which they maintain is destructive to not only the fish supply, but the fishing grounds as well, the report is a blow, since it would allow the steamers to operate on those very grounds on which a large part of the market sailing crafts depend for the livelihood. That "The Channel" grounds and Georges Banks are not so prolific in their supply as a few years ago is pointed out by the skippers as a reason why beam trawling should be eradicated in those localities. This they claim, is indicated in the size of trips landed by the steamers of late.

From the tenor of the discussion, all seem to be of the one mind. The fishermen are disappointed, but yet hopeful.

Times Will Print Full Report.

The Times will print the full text of the report, probably tomorrow, or just

as soon as it is received from Congressman Gardner at Washington, who has wired the Times that he expects to be able to secure a copy today, and will forward it immediately.

In some quarters, doubt is expressed as to the accuracy of the despatches, but a telegram from Congressman Gardner to the Times would seem to dispel all questions in that direction.

The dispatch says in part:

"It recommends among other things that beam trawlers be restricted to fish only on Georges and South Channel, although hand and trawl line fishermen will not be restricted from these banks."

A. P. Gardner.

Gardner Will Put in Bill.

A Washington dispatch of last evening says:

"The long-expected report from the United States Bureau of Fisheries based on Congressman Gardner's resolution for an investigation by the Commissioner of Fisheries as to the destructiveness of the method of fishing known as otter and beam trawling came out today and the House immediately ordered it printed.

"Although Mr. Gardner has not as yet seen the report, he has been apprised that the bureau feels that certain restrictions should be placed on otter and beam trawlers, the most important one being that they be restricted to fish only on Georges Bank and in South Channel. If the recommendation in this report be adopted by Congress, all other fishing grounds will be closed to these beam trawlers whereas the line and trawl fishermen will be unrestricted, as at present, in their selection of fishing grounds.

"Mr. Gardner said today that as soon as the report comes from the printer and he could find opportunity to read it, he would introduce a bill embodying into legislation the ideas of the commission."

BRINGS HALIBUT FROM "GULLY"

Capt. Peter Dunskey in Sch. Teazer Hails for 30,000 Pounds Here Today.

Capt. Peter Dunskey is here this morning from an 18 days' trip to the "Gully," hailing for 30,000 pounds of fresh halibut, it being the second trip this hustling skipper has landed here this year. As before, he struck the market, selling his fare to the American Halibut Company for 16 1-2 cents per pound for white and 10 cents for gray. With the fresh and salt shack, a good stock and share is in sight.

Sch. Bay State, Capt. Archie McLeod, arrived here yesterday afternoon from Boston, with 30,000 pounds of fresh fish which went to the splitters.

The gill netters landed yesterday about 40,000 pounds of fresh fish, which ran about 75 per cent. pollock.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Teazer, "The Gully," 30,000 lbs. fresh halibut, 15,000 lbs. fresh fish, 8000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Bay State, via Boston, 30,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Ethel, gill netting, 10,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Sawyer, gill netting, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Julia May, gill netting 1500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Evelyn H., gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Quartette, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Little Fannie, gill netting, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Enterprise, gill netting, 8000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Rough Rider, gill netting, 500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Quoddy, gill netting, 8000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Adeline, shore.

Sch. Leonora Silveira, shore.

Sch. Edith Silveira, shore.

Sch. Ralph Brown, shore.

OFF-SHORE CHAPS HAVE GOOD FARES

Sch. Avalon, Brings First Halibut Fare in Long Time to New Pier.

Some nice off shore trips were in Boston this morning, including several of the well known hustlers who arrived during the night. Sch. Avalon, Capt. Daniel McDonald, from "The Gully," reported with 27,000 pounds fresh halibut and some fresh and salt fish as well.

Sch. Gov. Foss, Capt. Fred Thomson, out less than a week, reported with a 33,000 pound fare. Sch. Conqueror, Capt. Robertson Giffin, also made a quick trip, his haul being for 50,000 pounds. Sch. Francis P. Mesquita, Capt. Freeman Crowell, had 40,000 pounds, while steamers Swell brought 57,000 pounds and the Surf 50,000 pounds.

Quotations were \$4.25 to \$5 a hundred pounds for haddock, \$6 for large and \$3 to \$3.50 for market cod, \$3 to \$6 for hake, \$3 for pollock and \$2 for cusk. The Avalon's halibut trip was not sold at 9 o'clock.

Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Frances P. Mesquita, 30,000 haddock, 30,000 cod.

Str. Spray, 19,000 haddock, 2000 cod.

800 lemon sole.

Str. Swell, 50,000 haddock, 7000 cod.

1800 lemon sole.

Str. Surf, 48,000 haddock, 2700 cod.

600 lemon sole.

Sch. Benj. A. Smith, 20,000 haddock, 7000 cod.

Sch. Avalon, 18,000 cod, 7000 cod.

27,000 halibut.

Sch. Conqueror, 35,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 3000 hake.

Sch. Gov. Foss, 18,000 haddock, 10,000 cod.

Sch. Frances S. Grueby, 7500 haddock, 300 cod, 4000 hake.

Sch. Angeline C. Nunan, 8500 haddock, 800 cod.

Sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan, 10,000 haddock, 500 cod, 3800 hake.

Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, 4000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Waltham, 8000 haddock, 1000 cod, 3000 hake.

Sch. Genesta, 3000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Haddock, \$4.25 to \$5 per cwt.; cod, \$6; market cod, \$3 to \$3.50; hake, \$3 to \$6; pollock, \$3 to \$4; cusk, \$2.

GH PRICES FOR "QUALITY" FISH

ays the Fishing Gazette:
There is no action in the domestic
mackerel market at present. The
Lenten season has not asserted it-
as yet. Action will suspend un-
does. Substantial stocks are held
serve most firmly. Factors ex-
to get their price for mackerel,
the trade prophets predict that
will get it eventually.
In the present state of the mackerel
market you can vary your grades. It
depends upon the amount of sum-
mer fish predominating. I think that
ought to be placed at \$27 and \$28,
at \$21 and \$22, 3s at \$17 and \$18, 4s
at \$16 and \$16, and 5s at \$10 and \$11. I
buy at almost all prices, according
quality, but I'll pay the high prices for
quality fish," said the executive of a
large New York salt fish house last
Wednesday.

"I'll pay as high as you quote in The
Fishing Gazette for fine, white, fat fish
of the best quality. I can pay what
you quote and still sell at a substantial
margin of profit. I bought 25 barrels
of fine fall-caught Norways, No. 3, at
\$20, a few days ago. There wasn't
summer fish in the consignment,
either," said the executive head of a
large New York salt fish house early
this week.

Mackerel, of course, are neglected,
and the few lots of Norway mackerel
which are really fancy quality are held
at very firm prices, and when the de-
mand sets in for Lent it is our opin-
ion that we shall see a stiffening of the
market," said a recognized New York
broker, Tuesday.

Liverpool, Eng., January 17.—No
action reported on the Irish coasts.
Movements this week were as follows:
Boston, per Cunard str. Etonian,
100 bbls., per Leyland line str. Elton in
100 bbls.; to Portland, per str. Irish-
ton, 300 bbls.

Norwegian Sealers May Come.

The St. John's Herald says: We un-
derstand that application has been
made by the Norwegian sealers, now
in Sydney, for permits to prosecute the
fishery from this colony, that is to
say for legal authority to ship crews
and dispose of their cargoes on re-
turn. In view of the fact there is
considerable depression, that our
sealing fleet will be four vessels
at this time, and that these ships will
work to some 200 men, the govern-
ment is disposed to allow them to
operate, provided they comply with
law. The most serious phase of
the obligation will be for them to pro-
vide wireless installations in the col-
ony at a cheap rate and thus render
themselves eligible for the advantages
resulting from operations initiated
in our port and with our crews.

Fishing Buyers to Banquet.

The Wholesalers Fish Buyers Asso-
ciation of Boston will hold a banquet
at the Crawford House, Thursday.
Walsh, Mayor Curley and other
prominent guests will be present, while
entertainment is also expected from this

MARKET ON SALT COD IS STEADY

Said a leading salt fish merchant of
New York last Wednesday: "There is a
pile of codfish to be sold on the Pacific
Coast yet. Some of that Western
stock is mighty good fish, too. I
would like to handle 15 or 20 cars of
this Western fish if I can get the qual-
ity and price I want. The Nova Scot-
ian and Newfoundland factors think
they are going to supply all the codfish,
but it may be that within the next 30
days we can catch on to some orders
from the Coast. It is nice, clean bus-
iness. These Western fish always
come along in first-class condition.
We sell these fish for net cash, sub-
ject to examination. We may never
pay the draft until we sell and the
fish are accepted. We sold a Glou-
cester concern. They sent us a check
before we got the bill of lading, so we
were not out any money at all. There
is no doubt about it, we should get
some business in the next 30 days. I
have sent out correspondence all along
the Pacific Coast. I am trying to get
this fish for export. I am going to
consign it and see what I can do with
it."

Said a recognized authority early in
the week: "No improvement in demand
for anything in the line of salt fish
can yet be reported. Buying is con-
fined to such small lots as are required
for present consumption, but the gen-
eral tone of the market is steady and
no price changes of consequence have
occurred."—Fishing Gazette.

New N. F. Sealing Steamer.

The plans for the new sealing steam-
er now being built for Messrs. Baine-
Johnston & Co., of St. John's, N. F.,
and which Capt. J. R. Randall, late of
the Bellaventure, will command, were
received by the Mongolian last week
from Scotland, where she is being
built. She will be named the Iceland
and be the largest of the modern seal-
ers—3450 tons gross, or nearly 100 tons
larger than the Stephano. Her length
will be 340 feet, depth 20 1-4, and
width 50 1-2, with triple expansion en-
gines driving her 14 knots. She will
have a clipper bow like "sailers" and
carry wireless, searchlight, Morse tele-
graph and semaphore signal appar-
atus, and when not engaged in the
seal hunt will be used for general
freighting purposes, while she will
have accommodation for 12 passengers
and also for a doctor, and carry a hos-
pital with four double berths. She
will not be ready, unfortunately, for
the spring's seal hunt, but is expected
to be completed for the spring and
summer carrying trade.—St. John's
Herald.

Halibut Sale.

The halibut fare of sch. Teazer sold
to the American Halibut Company for
16 1/2 cents per pound for white and
10 cents for gray.

Gresham In Port.

The U. S. Revenue Cutter Gresham
anchored in the outer harbor over
night.

RAN BY PATROL, THEN STRANDED

Further particulars concerning the
stranding of the fishing schooner John
J. Fallon, commanded by Capt. James
O'Brien, while seeking shelter at Hall-
ifax, N. S., Saturday evening, are con-
tained in the following account of the
affair in the Halifax Herald, which
says:

"While groping about in Lighthouse
Cove on Saturday night the American
fishing schooner J. Fallon, from the
Banks for shelter in Halifax harbor,
ran ashore on a reef near the govern-
ment wharf and as late as two o'clock
this morning was still aground. The
Fallon ran in past the patrol boat at
about nine o'clock Saturday night, and
as wind and sea were too heavy, did
not come about in response to their
whistles but made for Lighthouse Cove
which is the examination ground in
stormy weather. There the schooner
grounded. Fortunately for her
she was not exposed to the full force
of the seas and the crew felt that it
would be safe for them to remain on
board.

"The skipper and several of the crew
decided to set out for Halifax to pro-
cure the assistance of a towboat. They
put out in a dory and made good pro-
gress until they were about to pass
George's Island, when they were or-
dered to land there, as they had left
a ship which had not been inspected
by the examination officer. Sunday
morning the tugs Togo and Scotsman
went out to Lighthouse Cove and
made several unsuccessful attempts to
haul the schooner into deep water.
They returned to the city, but sailed
again at 2 o'clock Monday morning to
continue their efforts.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

Handline Georges codfish, large, \$5
per cwt.; medium, \$4.25; snappers, \$3.
Georges halibut codfish, large, \$5;
medium, \$4.25.
Eastern halibut codfish, large, 4.25
medium, \$3.75; snappers, \$3.
Cusk, large, \$2.50; medium, \$1.75;
snappers, \$1.50.
Hake, \$1.50.
Haddock, \$1.75.
Pollock, \$1.50.
Newfoundland herring, \$3.25 per
bbl. for salt bulk. \$4.25 per bbl. for
pickled.

Fresh Fish.

Splitting prices:
Haddock, \$1.10 per cwt.
Western cod, large, \$2.25; medium,
\$1.50; snappers, 75c.
Eastern cod, large, \$2; medium,
\$1.50; snappers, 75c.
All codfish, not gilled, 10c per 100
pounds less than above.
Hake, \$1.25.
Cusk, large, \$1.75; medium, \$1.15;
snappers, 50c.
Pollock, round, 80c; dressed, 90c.
Fresh halibut 16 1/2c for white and
10c for gray.

Newfoundland frozen herring, 3c per
lb.